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**Tuesday 18th May 2010 at 7.30pm
North Melbourne Library**

Special General Meeting Minutes

Chair Kevin Chamberlin opened the meeting as a special general meeting.

Attendees: Kevin Chamberlin, Alan Ashley, Doone Clifton, Virginia Nairn, Roger Nairn, Graham Harper, Heather Harper, Verena Augusti, Janet Graham, Nancy Nankervis, Ray Cowling, Lorraine Siska, Alba Gatto, Bill Cook and Mary Kelleher.

Apologies: Denys Harraway, Madeleine Scully Michael Horscroft, JA Bell, Richard Gould and Lydia Macmichael

Proxy received: Denys Harraway and Richard Gould.

The aim of the meeting is to consider two motions to make Constitutional changes, (these motions are termed "special resolutions")

Special Resolution 1

That s26(3) be amended from

: All Committee meetings shall be open to any interested person to attend with all present possessing speaking rights, but voting rights not extending beyond member's of the Committee.

To:

All Committee meetings shall be open to any interested person to attend with all present possessing speaking rights, and any member of the Association present being entitled to move or second a motion, but voting rights not extending beyond members of the Committee

Questions were raised about the distinction between Special General Meetings and Committee meetings as defined in the constitution. Where did the monthly meetings fall within this distinction? Due to the lack of clarity over this question the following motion was put:

That this proposed amendment be withdrawn and that the issue of constitutional change in relation to General and Committee meetings be further considered by the Committee.

Moved Ray Cowling
Seconded Bill Cook
Carried

And:

Special Resolution 2

That s37(1) be deleted:

The Association shall not endorse candidates for elective public office.

Objections were raised to this amendment. As a compromise, a modification was proposed

That instead of deleting s37(1) it be amended to:



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The Association shall not endorse candidates for elective public office but may comment on the policies and performance of candidates.

Moved Ray Cowling

Seconded Janet Graham

The motion was lost

The meeting was closed